

U. S. FLEET TO GUARD SHIP BEARING ARMS

Huerta Will Have to Fire on
American Cruisers If He
Tries to Stop Vessel.

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Wednesday. The Zaragoza and Bravo. It is believed here, cannot each Tampico before that day. The commanders of the Mexican gunboats are under orders by General Huerta to stop the Antilla at the entrance to the Panuco river, and to turn the vessel back to an American port, or, in case of any resistance on the part of the Antilla, to confiscate the cargo. Added interest in the race between the Antilla and her cargo of ammunition and the Zaragoza and Bravo, moving to intercept her, is given by the fact that the United States warships Tacoma and Sacramento have been ordered to follow the Mexican gunboats, keeping them in sight until their arrival at Tampico.

Admiral Badger maintains silence as to the orders he received to govern the conduct of the American fleet when the Antilla arrives with her cargo. If the Mexican gunboats carry out the orders to blockade the port, an order which was communicated by the Mexican foreign office to the legations at Mexico City and to the United States Government by the Spanish minister at Washington, it is regarded here as probable that the United States will be forced to break the armistice agreed on at the beginning of mediation.

Adding to the tenacity of the situation, is the belief prevalent here that if the Mexican gunboats are prevented from stopping the Antilla by the United States fleet, and hostilities are opened between the gunboats and fleet, there will be an attack on the American outposts here by Mexican federal troops, an eventuality of which fear has been expressed.

Reports of constitutionalist victories have added to the desperation of the federal forces. They realize that if the Antilla's cargo is landed the constitutionalists will be prepared to begin their march on Mexico City immediately. A clash at Vera Cruz on the day the Antilla reaches Tampico is believed to be most probable, and steps will be taken to have the land forces prepared to resist any aggressive movement on the part of Huerta's soldiers.

NOGALES, Mexico, June 7.—Early morning advices received here indicate that the civil strife between Carranza factions in the state of Sonora is still in progress, and that a desperate battle is being fought in Hermosillo, with Jose Maria Maytorena, regularly elected governor of the state, on the one side, fighting for his life and office, and Col. Elias Calles, a subordinate of General Obregon, on the other.

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The cathedral is opposite the palace. On its lofty towers Calles has placed machine guns, and from the towers he has poured shot into the stronghold of the governor.

State congressmen who fled from Hermosillo at the outbreak of the civil disorders have arrived here, and say that the trouble is really a three-cornered fight against Maytorena, Obregon, Calles and Pequeña, all Carranza commanders. These men all claim they have the support of the chief of the constitutionalists in their fight against the governor.

Maytorena has defied Obregon and the other two main leaders of the Carranza movement. He was regularly elected governor of the state, and claims he was the man to raise the flag for Carranza, which the rebel chief took with him into Chihuahua and to Saltillo.

The whole trouble seems to lie in the continued refusal of Maytorena to change certain laws as demanded by Obregon, Calles and Pequeña. The governor has been accused of being in sympathy with the federal cause, a charge which he vehemently denies. Men arriving here say Maytorena is making a last stand without the slightest chance of emerging victorious, and that his capture or death is a matter of but a few hours.

WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Fair tonight and Monday; warmer tonight; moderate south winds. For Maryland—Fair tonight and Monday; warmer tonight.

For Virginia—Generally fair tonight and Monday; warmer tonight; moderate south winds.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and at the city observatory:

TEMPERATURE AT AFFLECK'S:
5 a. m. 54
6 a. m. 56
7 a. m. 58
8 a. m. 60
9 a. m. 62
10 a. m. 64
11 a. m. 66
12 noon 68
1 p. m. 70
2 p. m. 72
3 p. m. 74
4 p. m. 76
5 p. m. 78
6 p. m. 80
7 p. m. 82
8 p. m. 84
9 p. m. 86
10 p. m. 88
11 p. m. 90
12 m. 92

TIDE TABLE.
High tide..... 6:50 a. m. and 7:20 p. m.
Low tide..... 12:45 a. m. and 1:42 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises..... 4:37
Sun sets..... 7:21

Flowers For Commemorations.
Beautiful bouquets of home-grown flowers for graduates. Guide, 1214 F St. Adv.

Washington Women Are Pioneers of Their Sex In the Steadily Increasing Marts of Trade

MRS. M. BROOKS.

MRS. JEANNIE KAFKA.

MAY J. BOYD.

MRS. ANNIE F. BRAMLETT.

MRS. PAULA FISCHER LAMB.



**Feminine Contingent Has Grown So Large It Has
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Section of the Retail Merchants Association
of the District of Columbia.**

Stress has been laid on the women who have succeeded as physicians, as lawyers, and as members of other professions. But little has been heard of the women who have attained success as retail merchants.

Such women now are so numerous in Washington that it has been found necessary to organize a special woman's section of the Retail Merchants' Association, to meet their demand for a livelier co-operation.

Stories of some of these women, pioneers in business fields, are as interesting as the oft-told narratives of merchant princes. Likewise, the hope of some of them to make of Washington a style center and to bring increased retail trade here indicates their progressive attitude.

By J. R. HILDEBRAND.

Everybody knows the story of the boy who saved his first \$20, stocked up a shop in a side street, which grew and grew, and grew until said boy became a merchant prince, and gave away drinking fountains and hospitals and good advice.

But a score or more of Washington women have written a different sort of story. It has not yet found its way into print. It is the story of the plucky young woman who also opened a store, fought the prejudices of her own sex, withstood the ostracism of men in the same business, built up a substantial concern, and hitherto has been pretty generally unheeded and unused.

Not only has she followed in the footsteps of men to the top rung of the business ladder, just as she has vied with men in the professions, but she intimates with shy smile, she believes certain phases of the retail business are better suited to her capacity for details.

New Sort of Heroine.
This new sort of heroine, Optie heroine, and these are nearly thirty of her in real life in the Capital started in the days when merchants on the same street were in a continuous state of feud, and would not pass on the same sidewalk, and now she has arrived at the day when merchants, like countries, not only will mediate, but will strive earnestly to co-operate.

Instead of the old-time ostracism for the business woman, her male colleagues now are holding out the right hand of business fellowship to her—as witness the women's section, newly formed, of the Retail Merchants' Association—and asking her to join them in mutual aid projects. But that is getting ahead of the story.

There was no helping hand held out when Mrs. Whelan or Mrs. F. Rose opened small shops in F street more than twenty-five years ago, before there was any great indication that F street was to become one of the chief retail business streets of the city.

About the same time another woman, Miss May J. Boyd, a hair dresser, hung up a sign a little farther up F street. These women displayed the first requisite for business success, the ability to pick a location with a view to the future.

And it was not until some time after they helped blaze the way into what was then a quiet residential section that the stream of retail trade began to flow through this new channel.

Mrs. Caroline Stibel was a still more venturesome pioneer when,

twenty-seven years ago, she pushed even farther north and opened her millinery store in G street. She helped blaze the way on a thoroughfare which now has become a recognized center of millinery trade, and in G street alone are located half a dozen millinery stores, while as many more are located on numbered streets just off G street.

In some cases women have fallen heir to business places left them upon the death of their husbands, and in these circumstances they have taken hold of the management and kept on developing the houses left under their proprietorship.

Not only millinery, women's furnishings, hair dressing, china, and art stores are run by women, but they have entered the field usually occupied by men and now are to be found operating candy stores, provision markets, and even large newsstands and cigar stores.

An Influx of Women.
Though women's place in the business life of the community dates back nearly half a century, there has been an unusual influx of women into business within the last decade. Two of the best equipped and most progressive women's furnishing shops in the city, conducted on the scale of department stores, are conducted by women. These are the stores of Mrs. M. Brooks, at 1100 G street, and that of Mrs. Jeannie Kafka, at Tenth and F streets.

Both these women are prime figures in the present movement for a women's section of the Retail Merchants' Association, which shall fulfill the same function for business women as the general association does for business men.

It was found that women were averse to attending the meetings of the men, though many of the firms owned or controlled by women already were members of the association. So last week a special meeting for women was called and arrangements made for regular meetings of the women's section.

The object of the women's section will be similar to that of the general association. Plans will be filed out giving the status of credit customers, and these plans will be accessible to other women to whom these customers may apply for credit.

Same Facilities at Hand.
The same facilities for collection of overdue bills will be extended. And all legislation affecting the retail business will be taken up by



MRS. M. W. BURTON.

them and pushed or opposed, as their interests dictate.

As in the case of the men, the women will pledge themselves to submit to the association all solicitations for one-time advertising, so that it may be determined whether the solicitor is duly authorized, and whether the medium is one deserving of support. These questions are looked into by the association and their findings may be followed or rejected by the individual members as they please.

But Mrs. Brooks, chairman of the women's section, outlined a larger aim of co-operation, especially affecting those in the women's furnishing or millinery business.

"Washington should be made a style center," she said. "Too much of the trade that normally belongs here has been allowed to slip through our fingers. Too many wealthy women have their gowns made in Paris or in New York, when they might be served just as well in Washington at less cost. Too many women of all classes do their shopping in Baltimore. And too many of the women of nearby places go elsewhere than Washington to shop."

Need Aggressive Work.
"This is a condition that only can be met by aggressive work. If we wish this business we must fight for it. We can get it through co-operation. Washington is well equipped with shops where women's outer garments and where millinery of the highest grade may be purchased. In the future Washington styles at least should be on a par with New York styles. We hope to make it the fashion to shop here."

Mrs. Brooks is the proprietor of a four-story store, and she has made her establishment one of the most modern in the city. With many years' experience in various capacities in other stores she opened her own place nearly three years ago, and has made a specialty of women's outer garments.

She claims for her store the largest suit department in Washington. She is her own manager and buyer as well, making a trip to New York every three weeks.

Mrs. Kafka is the founder and proprietor of the Children's Shop, at Tenth and F streets, which came into existence on the day of the inauguration of President Wilson.

This fact apparently was a lucky omen, for the store was such an immediate success that it had to extend its scope to provide clothing for growing girls, and finally for older women as well. Mrs. Kafka also has had an experience of more than twenty years in Washington stores.

Mrs. Whelan, whose store at 1195 F street, more than a quarter of a century old, is known to practically every woman in Washington, also is a strong believer in co-operation. Though she is one of the pioneer business women of the city, she is thoroughly progressive, and she welcomes the opportunity afforded by the new women's organization to get in touch with other business women of the city.

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GRADUATION WEEK OPENS AT TRINITY

Baccalaureate Sunday Observed
With Celebration of Pontifical Mass.

"Baccalaureate Sunday" was ushered in at Trinity College this morning by the celebration of pontifical high mass. The ceremony was conducted in O'Connor Hall, of the college, which had been converted into a chapel for the occasion. The mass was preceded by a procession of the clergy, followed by alumni visitors, and the Trinity seniors. The solemnity of the chapel was impressive. The body of the large room was a vision of fair young womanhood. The altar was adorned with flowers and ablaze with lighted tapers that reflected the brilliancy of the cloth-of-gold vestments worn by the officiating dignitaries. The ceremonies of the mass itself commenced at 10:30 o'clock.

The Rt. Rev. Edward P. Allen, bishop of Mobile, was the celebrant. The other officers were as follows: The Very Rev. Dr. John E. Fenlon, D. D., assistant priest; the Very Rev. Robert A. Skinner, C. S. P., superior of the Paulist Fathers; the Very Rev. Charles M. Alken, superior of the Redemptorists; the Very Rev. Dr. John W. Melody, dean of the mass; the Rev. Charles F. Alken, and the Rev. Dr. John W. Melody, deacons of the mass; the Rev. Leo L. McKay, L. S. T., masters of ceremonies.

Women's Work Extolled.

The baccalaureate sermon, a discourse on "Prayer," was delivered by the Rev. William J. Kerby, Ph. D., professor of sociology at Trinity College. Dr. Kerby referred to the increasing tendency in the world to associate woman's influence with great public movements and propaganda which express new feelings in humanity and give voice to definite new aspirations. Only women, said the speaker, could exercise the noblest influence in the world.

"You are compelled to go out into the world and to do the work of the world in atmosphere which are highly dangerous to soul and to faith," said Dr. Kerby.

"Very often these dangers are subtle and unperceived until they have done their harm to the soul. You have need of something which will indicate the presence of danger, just as a tender little bird warns the miner of the presence of the deadly carbon monoxide, which he is unable otherwise to detect. I believe that the spirit of prayer may serve that blessed purpose for every one of you."

Commencement Week Opens.

Today's ceremonies mark the first of the exercises of "commencement week" at Trinity. During the past week the Trinity girls conducted a number of entertainments to honor the closing school year. The sophomores entertained the seniors at a garden party, and the seniors reciprocated with a cabaret party to the "sophas." On Friday night the "senior serenades" took place. The class, arrayed in caps and gowns and carrying bright lanterns, stood on the veranda at Trinity and sang songs celebrating the praises of the college. The ceremonies of commencement week will conclude Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, when the degrees will be conferred by the Rt. Rev. Philip J. Garrigan, bishop of Sioux City, Iowa.

REAL FASHIONS UP TO THE MINUTE

The "Times" has made arrangements for a series of photographs of the up-to-the-minute styles, to be reproduced three days of every week in the Magazine Section of The Times. The woman who watches these pictures, direct from the most exclusive establishments in New York, has her hand on the very pulse of fashion. No mistakes will be made in HER wardrobe.

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